

Shields Travel Planning Area

A. Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for summer recreation use with an emphasis on regulated motorized/mountain bike use in the Smith Creek portion of the Travel Planning Area and non-motorized uses in the upper Shields portion. Opportunities for pleasure driving will also be accommodated.

OBJ. 1-1: Achieve the summer recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 1 through the route-by-route management decisions made through this Travel Plan. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for summer uses (October, 2006)] which is hereby incorporated by reference

OBJ. 1-2: Provide a hiking and stock trail connecting the Shields drainage to the American Fork.

OBJ. 1-3: Restore and designate old roads for motorized opportunities and mountain bike use.

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for winter recreation use including both snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.

OBJ. 2-1: Achieve the winter recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 2 through the marked and groomed route management decisions made through this Travel Plan along with decisions made on the area available to snowmobiles. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for winter uses (October, 2006)] which is hereby incorporated by reference.

GOAL 3: Fisheries. Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in upper Shields River and Smith Creek watersheds including the South Fork Shields, Smith Creek and Dugout Creek in section 17, T5N, R11E.

OBJ. 3-1: Reduce contributed sediment from the road and trail system in the upper Shields and Smith Creek watersheds to achieve Yellowstone cutthroat trout habitat at 90% of its potential habitat capability.

GOAL 4: Other Resource Protection. Provide a road and trail system that accommodates traffic consistent with protecting soil and watershed condition.

OBJ. 4-1: Repair damage to road and trail system and schedule maintenance to attain conditions that are non-erosive.

OBJ. 4-2: Provide interpretive/educational signing along motorized routes and in affected areas, asking motorized users seeking camp spots to stay out of wet, muddy and shrubby areas, and to keep vehicles (and campsites) a minimum distance (e.g. 50 feet) from lakes, ponds, rivers and streams.

GOAL 5: Migration Corridors. Provide for wildlife migration and movement from the Shields area to and from the Castle and Little Belt Mountains.

This goal is pursued through the route-by-route management decisions associated with this Travel Planning Area.

B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

